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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 17, 2005, for which a response was due on August 17, 2005. A Petition and fee for a one month extension of time was filed. Please note that since September 17, 2005 fell on a Saturday, the actual deadline was September 19, 2005. Accordingly, this response was timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.